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VIA FAX to (305) 865-7167 and VIA U.S. MAIL J.H. Zidell, Esq. 300 71st Street, #605 Miami Beach, FL 33141

Re:

Rodriguez et al. v. Crowley et al.

Civil Nos. 97-2437 (GG) and 98-1548 (GG)

Dear Mr. Zidell:

I am in receipt of Plaintiffs' Request for Admissions, Request to Produce Documents and Interrogatories, dated November 20, 2001. As you know, on July 7, 2000, the Seafarers International Union filed a Motion in Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion to Compel Discovery, In its Motion, the Union took the position that it was too late for Plaintiffs to conduct further discovery. The SIU repeats its objections to further discovery by Plaintiffs, for all the reasons stated in the Motion of July 7, 2000.

Sincerely.

Ellen Silver

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